

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case:2:20-cr-20517

Judge: Hood, Denise Page

MJ: Grand, David R.

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INDI USA V. SEALED MATTER (DA)

v.

D-1 STEPHEN SHIPPS,

VIO: 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)

Defendant.

<u>INDICTMENT</u>

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Indictment, a girl, Minor Victim One (MV-1), whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, was the victim of the crime alleged herein. MV-1 was a resident of the Eastern District of Michigan and was born in December 1985.

COUNT ONE

Transportation of a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)

In or around February and March 2002, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, the defendant, STEPHEN SHIPPS, did knowingly transport an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years (to wit: MV-1) in interstate and

foreign commerce, with the intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(a).

COUNT TWO

Transportation of a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)

In or around June and July 2002, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, the defendant, STEPHEN SHIPPS, did knowingly transport an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years (to wit: MV-1) in interstate and foreign commerce, with the intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(a).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

18 U.S.C. § 2428

As a result of the violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a) set forth in Count One of this Indictment, upon conviction the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2428: (1) any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violation; and (2) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds that he obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation.

<u>Forfeiture Money Judgment</u>: Such property also includes, but is not limited to, a forfeiture money judgment against the defendant in an amount to be determined, representing the total value of all property subject to forfeiture, as described herein.

Substitute Assets: Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461, the defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the value of the properties described above, if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described above cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; have been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

s/Grand Jury Foreperson
Grand Jury Foreperson

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